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JULY 1st, 1881.

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The Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CREASE.
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

This Society shall be intituled "THE VICTORIA AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY." It has been formed for the practice of Classical Music, and for aiding, by its performances in public, any Institution of a charitable or religious nature, without reference to sect or party.

ARTICLE II.

THREE CLASSES OF MEMBERS.

The Society shall be composed of three Classes of Members. 1st. Those who join in the regular practices and performances and who pay the monthly dues, and who shall, whilst they are Members, be joint owners of all property belonging to the Society. 2nd. Honorary Members who shall be admitted as such in consequence of their musical acquirements and who shall be entitled to a vote on all business matters, and who shall be eligible to hold office. 3rd. Honorary Visiting Members who shall pay an annual subscription of $5.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS BY BALLOT.

Any person desirous of becoming a Member of

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this Society shall be proposed and balloted for in the manner prescribed in Article IX.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, Conductor, Leader and Librarian.

ARTICLE V.

TRUSTEES.

The property of the Society shall be vested in Trustees, who shall be the President and the Secretary and Treasurer for the time being.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMITTEES.

There shall be three Committees, viz: Finance Committee, Music Committee and Entertainment Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the 8th April if it fall on a Tuesday, otherwise the next ensuing Tuesday. Ordinary Meetings may be held on any Tuesday at the call of the President or Vice-President. Any five Members may request the President to call a General Meeting of the Society. Should he neglect to do so for

the space of three weeks, they shall be at liberty to call such meeting for themselves after giving notice of same for one week.

ARTICLE VIII.

AUDITOR.

One of the Members of the Society shall be appointed to audit the accounts for the year, who shall prepare a report and statement to be submitted at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Every person, other than Honorary Members of the 2nd Class, desirous of becoming a Member of the Society, shall make application to the Secretary in writing, who shall submit such application at the first ordinary meeting, and such applicant shall be balloted for on the next Tuesday evening. Three black balls shall reject a candidate.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERS' DUES AND NEGLECT TO PAY.

Every Member of the 1st Class (but with the following exceptions) shall pay to the Treasurer One dollar ($1) per month. Junior Members and two or more Members in one family shall pay reduced fees, at the discretion of the President or Vice-President and Treasurer. Any Member who shall neglect to pay the dues for six (6) months may be stricken from the roll of membership, but upon the payment of all arrears may by that act be re-admitted by a vote of the Members at the first meeting thereafter.

ARTICLE II.

QUORUM.

At all meetings for business (of which due notice shall have been given at any ordinary meeting) a quorum shall consist of seven (7) Members, exclusive of the President or Vice-President, and in all transactions not otherwise ordered a majority of votes of Members present shall govern.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

At each Annual Meeting the Officers and Committees shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold office for the ensuing year and until such time as their successors shall be elected.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

The President, or Vice-President in his absence, shall preside at all meetings of this Society, and shall see that all Officers and Committees perform their respective duties. The President and Vice-President shall be ex-officio Members of all Committees.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep correct minutes of all the proceedings of the Society, shall preserve a register of the names of the Members, shall notify candidates for membership when elected of their election, shall keep the seal of the Society, shall perform the duties of corresponding Secretary, shall collect all dues and lodge the same in the Government Savings Bank, shall pay all liabilities when duly authorized, shall keep a true record of all receipts and disbursements, and report the same annually.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian shall make, and keep up, a detailed Inventory of all the Music belonging to the Society, have sole charge of it, and distribute it to the Members at every entertainment, and shall stamp every piece of music, and, as far as possible, all other property of the Society, with the Seal of the Society, and shall keep a copy of said Inventory in the room occupied by the Society for reference by Members.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee shall consist of two (2) Members of the Society who shall examine and countersign every account due by the Society before payment shall be made by the Secretary and Treasurer. No expenditure shall be authorized by the Committee on account of the Society, unless funds shall be in hand to meet the same.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF MUSIC COMMITTEE.

The Music Committee shall consist of two (2) Members to be appointed by the Society, and of the Conductor and Leader for the time being, who shall select and order all the music for the Society. Any Member shall be at liberty to refer the ques-

tion of obtaining any particular piece to the Society through the President at any meeting for practice.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

The Entertainment Committee shall consist of three [3] Members of the Society, who shall carry out and have sole charge (subject however to Article VII. of By-Laws) of all business of Entertainments in which the Society shall be engaged.

ARTICLE X.

VACANCY IN ANY OFFICE OR COMMITTEE.

If a vacancy shall occur in any Office or any Committee during the year, such vacancy may be filled for the term by vote of the Members of the Society at any ordinary meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

LOANING PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY.

Any Member wishing to take away music for private practice shall first obtain the consent of the Librarian. No music nor any other property of the Society shall be loaned to any person unless by a vote of the majority of the Members of the Society.

ARTICLE XII.

TIME OF PERFORMANCE.

The performance of the Orchestra shall be

held on each Tuesday evening, commencing punctually at 8 P.M. and closing at 10 P.M.

ARTICLE XIII.

Should any question arise in reference to any public performance proposed to be given by the Society in accordance with Art. I. of the Constitution, then such performance shall not take place unless a seven-tenths majority of the Members of the Society shall be willing to join in same, and unless such majority shall, in the opinion of the Conductor, the Leader and the President, be sufficient as regards instruments to render the music, which may be selected for the said performance, in an efficient and becoming manner

ARTICLE XIV.

AMENDMENT.

The Constitution and By-Laws shall not be amended except at a General Meeting duly convened for that purpose by a three-fourths vote of the Members present thereat, after notice of such intended amendment shall have been handed to the Secretary in writing and read by him at two weekly Meetings previous to action being taken thereon.

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